

THE
DECLARATION
AND
PROTESTATION
OF THE LORD

FNCHIUIN,

And all

The Officers under his Command,
voluntarily taken and subscribed
by his Councill of
VVarre,

That they will maintaine the honour
of the King, and the Priviledge and Freedome of
Parliament, according to his solemne Ingage-
ment, against all opposers, and other his
great discouragements.

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DECLARATION

PROTESTATION

OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A

RESOLUTION OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PASSED IN 1847

AND IN 1848

AND 1849

AND 1850

AND 1851



**The Lord Inbiquins Protestati-
on Sexto Maii 1648. at a
Councill of VVarre.**

ORdered this day (nemine contradi-
cente) that the ensuing Protestation be
tendred to all the Officers of this Army,
for their consents thereunto; and for the further
satisfaction of the people therein, That the same, with
the Preface thereto, be read in all severall Churches
of the severall Protestant Garrisons in this Pro-
vince, by the respective Ministers thereof, on the
next Sabbath day after the recint of a Copie
hereof.

WHereas certaine Officers of this Army,
of a long time filled with prejudica-
cy and disaffection of the publike service,

in Compliance with such of our private
 adversaries in the Kingdome of *England*, as
 laboured the obstructing of all reliefe to this
 miserable Province, have taken occasion up-
 on a publike Declaration, made in the head
 of this Army at *Mallo*, of our reall intentions
 and resolutions, to adde here unto those obli-
 gations, which are upon us to the King, and
 Parliament of *England*, by our Nationall
 oath, and to oppose and decline all persons
 acting contrary to our publike and solemn
 engagement; to misrepresent the Cordiall
 passages and expressions of that Declaration,
 in such a false and scandalous recitall thereof,
 as to those that understand not the Candor
 of our resolutions, may seeme to carry off
 our contriving some designe inconsistent
 with our former principles and professions,
 labouring thereby to beget a dis-opinion of
 our proceedings, as favouring of defection
 from the Parliament of *England*, or of pro-
 pension to the Irish action; For the vindi-
 cating of our integrity from which foule as-
 perision, and for the undeceiving of all these
 good

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good and well affected persons, who desire
a right understanding of all transactions,
wee doe make this ensuing Protestation,
without compulsion or mentall reserva-
on, That

WEe shall according to our Covenant, to
the utmost of our power, endeavour
the establishment of the Protestant Religion,
according to the best reformed Churches,
and to restore his Majesty to his just Rights,
Power and prerogative, the Parliament of
England to their freedom, and Subjects to
their Liberty. And because wee finde the
power of *England* (or rather the Independent
party in *England* now too prevalent) private-
ly and publikely endeavour to take off all
the Presbyterian party, both in that and this
Kingdome, from their Commands, as men
not fit to be trusted, because faithfull not fa-
ctious, and for no other reason; Wee professe
to oppose the said party, and to adhere in all
things to our Declaration: And to admit of
no forces either from *England*, or elsewhere,

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without consent of the Generall, or major part of the superiour Officers of this Army. And if any person shall be found amongst us who shall endeavour to seduce our soldiers, or refuse to joyne with us in this businessse, to proceed against him as an enemy to the Protestant party in this Kingdome. We are further resolved to use all means possible, to preserve the Interest of *England* in this Province. And although the designs of the Independents have obtruded a necessity upon us (by refusing to send us necessary supplies) to get our maintenance in this Kingdome; yet wee shall never condescend to any thing which shall not be consonant to a good conscience, our honour, and former Ingagements.

Ordered likewise, that

VV *Hereas the Army in this Province, according to their duty, Oathes, and former professions, have unanimously resolved to maintaine the Protestant Religion, his Majesties*
Right

Rights, the freedome of the Parliament, and Liberty of Subject; It is Ordered, that if any Officers shall raise any dispute or discourse about the difference which hath been betwixt his Majesty and the Presbyterian party, the said Officers shall be incapable of any Office or command in the Army. And if any Officers shall fight about any such dispute, they and every of them shall for the same offence suffer death without mercy. And if any private souldier shall offend in this kinde, he shall for the first offence passe the courtlope, and for the second suffer death. And if any person shall offend therein, he shall for the first offence pay five pounds, and for the second have his estate sequestred, and suffer Imprisonment during the Lord Presidents pleasure; and that this Order be published in the head of every Regiment, and a Copy thereof fixed on the gates of the City.

FINIS.
